

evidently I cannot ask him a question as to whether or not they did take any action on that, but, senators, I think you ought to support Senator Smith's amendment for this reason. The information that Senator Nelson and Senator Hall was given has to be totally incorrect because the director himself says he doesn't know.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But we do know that the figures that he gave Senator Smith were estimates and they also included closing the infirmary. Senator Hall, one thing I want to mention to you because I know government funds are very important to detox centers in Omaha. If we get an unruly alcoholic in Hastings and they close the detox center they will have to put him in jail and when they put him in jail that will make it a crime. And once you take intoxication and make it a criminal offense, the federal government shuts off all your funds and I know because of the bill I introduced in 1981 when Father Keligar (phonetic) was so concerned that I would take away his federal funds with my bill to deal with the poor little winos that were falling asleep in the middle of the freezing winters in Omaha and for that reason I wrote the bill so that they would not be arrested.

PRESIDENT: Your time is expiring.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But you can't guarantee that all over. So close this detox center and put some of them in jail and watch the federal funds go because there is a lot of people that would like to do away with them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner. Senator Warner, we're on this Jacklyn Smith amendment to 722. May we have order in the Chamber, please. Keep your conversation down, please, so we can hear the speaker. (Gavel.) Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'd just like to explain the position as the Appropriations Committee understood it and the reason for the recommendation. Number one, this was as the Department of Institutions had requested it. The figures that you've heard on cost were similar to what we have of approximately \$285 a day at the institution at Hastings and \$49.50 a day